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1. It is rumored among civilians in Prague that all men who have served their enlistment term in the Czechoslovak armed forces since 1945 and have not yet received refresher training will be called up for refresher training in November 1952. This training is to last for six weeks and will acquaint the men with new battle techniques and new arms and equipment.
2. The politically unreliable draftees who were to be inducted this autumn were called up during the first week of September 1952. The draftees had to report at Linon (051/ F 95) where there is a military labor unit.
3. Anti-aircraft defenses were observed in the vicinity of Prague in the summer of 1952. One or two anti-aircraft batteries are assigned to each gun position. Gun positions were observed in Cimicky haj, which is one and a half kilometers east of Bohnice (051/ L 73), in Prague-Liben near the Bulovka hospital, between Hostivice (N51/L 68) and Ruzyně (N51/ L 68), near Nebusice (N51/ L 72), and in Prague-Zizkov.

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1. In August 1952 an order was issued concerning preparations for anti-aircraft defense of civilian houses in Prague. For each house there must be at least one person trained in giving first aid and one person trained in fire fighting. Factory roofs are being painted green, and alert sirens are being mounted. It is rumored that air raid shelters will be constructed and that World War II shelters will be repaired when possible.

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1. Comment: It does not seem probable that these reserves would be called up for refresher training at this time. The majority of draftees will be inducted at the beginning of November, and this will cause a shortage of instructors and of accommodation space. Reserves are usually called up for refresher training in the summer months.

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2. Comment: This information cannot be altogether correct as the number of politically unreliable draftees is too great for them all to report at Miron. There are known to be several military labor units, one of which is at Miron.

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3. Comment: It is possible that these anti-aircraft preparations are part of the summer field training of anti-aircraft units and that their required summer field training is being utilized to construct emplacements for anti-aircraft guns. The 151st AA Regiment is stationed in Prague. It may be noted that the emplacements listed are located in the vicinities of Ruzyně and Kbely airfields. The emplacements which protect Kbely airfield would protect as well the vital industrial area of Libon, Karlin, and Cahovice.

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